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SOUTHWEST FAIR WILL HAVE OKLAHOMA DAY

At a meeting held yesterday the board of directors of the Southwest Fair Association decided to observe a day to be known as Oklahoma Day at the coming fair.

Thursday, September 14, was selected to be advertised and celebrated as Oklahoma Day. Arrangements have been made for the merchants of Liberal to close their stores all afternoon in honor of the occasion and the business streets and fair grounds will be decorated especially for the day.

Letters have been sent to representative citizens of the following towns in Oklahoma: Tyrone, Hooker, Guymon, Optima, Goodwell, Texhoma, Floris, Lorens, Forgan, Beaver, LaKemp, Gray, Balko, Dombey, Boyd, and Grand Valley. It is hoped to have a delegation from each of these points, so that we anticipate there will be two or three thousand people from Oklahoma on Oklahoma Day.

The program for Oklahoma Day will include a good strong race card of four or five events, a ball game, band concert, balloon ascension, parachute drop, open air comedy, revolving ladder act, open air juggling act, not to mention a good line of concessions, including Ferris wheel, merry-go-round, motorhome, tidal wave, big tent show and a number of other attractions.

In addition to this, the Fair Association has arranged with the Nebraska Feature Film Co. to have an operator on the grounds during the fair to take motion pictures of the races, ball games, balloon ascension, principal stock exhibits and the crowds of people in the grand stand and on the grounds. These pictures will be advertised at a later date and shown in Liberal at the Majestic Theatre.

The merchants should all prepare to decorate their windows for the day, Thursday, September 14.

NEW ATTORNEY IN TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Davis arrived Sunday from Kansas City, Kansas, and will make their home in Liberal from now on. Mr. Davis is an attorney by profession and will open a law office here in the near future. He was formerly connected with the district attorney's office in Kansas City. He is a graduate of the law department of Kansas University and has the appearance of one who can make good. Incidentally Mr. Davis is a Democrat in political faith, and a Democratic lawyer in Liberal will be quite an innovation.

NOTICE

Having purchased the interest of H. N. Witt in the business conducted in the name of H. N. Witt & Co., I wish to state the business will be conducted at the same place—next to Rinaldo's shoe repair shop, where insurance of all kinds, renting of houses and real estate will be sold.

THE MATKIN AGENCY.

Fall Millinery

Last spring and summer was by far the largest millinery season we have ever had. Our Millinery Department grows by leaps and bounds—why? Because we believe in securing the best trimmer and designer to be had for this department and always give them positive instructions to deliver

The Very Best in Style and Quality

On as Little a Margin of Profit as Possible

as we consider our millinery department the biggest advertisement we have. Our New Fall styles are in and we have surpassed all previous efforts in assembling this fall stock. In variety of shapes and range of price, we think our showing is unsurpassed in this or any other town in this great Southwestern country. We have been very fortunate in securing Mrs. Pearl Deurmeyer, a trimmer and designer of much experience to take complete charge of our Millinery Department for fall, and she will be pleased to meet you any time.

"38 Years' Successful Merchandising"

CHAS. SUMMERS & SONS

LIBERAL, KANSAS

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

DALHART, TEXAS

ADDING NEW FIXTURES

W. E. Wilson, who recently moved his grocery stock to the Craig building on Second street, has found his move so satisfactory in the way of new business that he has been compelled to add a few new fixtures to properly handle the same. He has this week installed a modern compartment refrigerator that carries all the latest appliances in the way of saving a clerk's time, and will in the next few days have an automatic cheese cutter, a computing scale and a large National cash register. Besides this he has been compelled to increase his stock to take care of his trade. Mr. Wilson says business conditions have been better with him than any former year since he has been here, notwithstanding the shortage of wheat production and the drought that has prevailed all over the state during the past summer.

C. J. Bowles of the Lafayette community transacted business matters in Liberal Saturday.

DR. NICHOLS BACK TO LIBERAL

Dr. Roscoe T. Nichols and family will return to Liberal and remain permanently. Two years ago, Dr. Nichols accepted the position of medical examiner at the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, and disposing of a number of personal effects in Liberal, moved his family to Manhattan. The change to the new home, with the great school advantages, the social opportunities and the nearness to the larger cities had the attractions, but as Dr. Nichols has related, the opportunities for his making money at his profession were limited. He received a living salary for his services at the college, which required all his time and at the end of the year he found that he was not progressing as he had been when he had a practice at Liberal. And then, too, he believes that there is a greater future in his profession in Liberal, where he has an extended acquaintance, than would ever occur in the limited sphere at the college at Manhattan. The position at Manhattan is a good one for an old man who does not desire to expand in his work and could be content with a salary, but Dr. Nichols is as yet young and ambitious. The call of Liberal became too urgent for further resistance and before the school term begins, the Dr. Nichols family will be at home in their residence on Washington avenue north. Liberal will welcome them.

HARVESTING BROOM CORN

Broom corn harvest has started all over the country this week and the Chamber of Commerce is receiving many calls each day for pullers. The corn is of very good quality and there promises to be a good crop. Men are quite plentiful and the average wage is \$2.00 per day. The Chamber of Commerce office is also receiving a good many calls for men to do general cleaning around the yards. This is an excellent time to do a little cleaning up and there are plenty of men waiting to take the job.

A deal was made this week whereby the real estate business formerly conducted by H. N. Witt & Co. was sold to G. E. Matkin and son, G. E., junior. They have an announcement to that effect in this issue of the Democrat. Insurance and rentals will also be handled by the new firm. Mr. Matkin and son are both experienced real estate and clerical men and the Democrat hopes they get a due share of the town's business in their respective lines.

BIG PARADE WILL DRAW

The trade and floral parade planned for the second day of the fair promises to run far ahead of all expectations. Up to the present time there have been a very large number of entries assured and at this early date the showing is remarkably good.

The people surrounding Liberal have a big treat in store for them, as there has never been anything of this kind held at Liberal. Other towns with greater population have had parades of this nature but it is the first time for Liberal, and so far as we know not many towns of Liberal's size have ever undertaken anything of the kind on a large scale.

From present indications the parade will have thirty or more cars of floats decorated for advertisements by the merchants, and nearly that many decorated by others for beauty alone. Then there will be comic floats and rigs of every description.

The prize for the most comic rig or float is \$10 and for the prettiest float or car, \$10, but no car that is decorated for advertising purposes is eligible to compete for either of these prizes.

A good many of the merchants and others have already placed their orders for decorations. Those who are going to require any paper flowers or other special decorations should take the matter up at this time, so that there will be no delay at the last minute.

About 50 members of the Y. P. B. met at the playgrounds Monday evening, where they were soon gathered into hay racks and autos and taken to the knoll on the Sewell farm for a moonlight picnic. Rev. H. F. Bolton acted as chaperon for the young folks and those who heard his many interesting stories during the evening are sure he got as much pleasure out of the trip as anyone. A well prepared luncheon was taken along and the evening was one of much pleasure. The Y. P. B., by the way, is an organization of Liberal's finest young folks, interdenominational in character and devoted to high ideals and a wholesome, pleasant time for its members. Anyone desiring to know anything about it can find out by inquiring of Miss Irene Vickers, president or Miss Grace Blatchley, secretary.

Ralph Madison is here from Omaha, Nebraska, this week attending to business matters and meeting old friends. Mr. Madison was at one time connected with the Rock Island here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Falls returned Saturday from their trip to Colorado.

WILL RE-ESTABLISH STAR ROUTE

Postmaster E. S. Irwin has this week received information from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General that the star route formerly conducted between Liberal and Hugoton will be re-established on September 25. The route will be from Liberal by Emato to Hugoton, returning by Lafayette to Liberal. It has not yet been decided whether it will be a daily or a tri-weekly service, but bids for either will be received by Postmaster Irwin or the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General up to September 12, after which date it will be definitely decided by the Post Office department as to the number of trips made per week by the carrier. This is the old route that was discontinued after the Santa Fe began operations through Stevens county. As the mail service to Hugoton at this time is a rather slow procedure, having to go around by way of Dodge City, the people of both towns and the farmers living between here and Hugoton have kept up a continual fight for the re-establishment of this route, with the result that the departmental red tape has been sufficiently unwound to start the ball to rolling. It will be a decided convenience for both towns and the people who are to be served by the route.

TWO NEW PHYSICIANS

Drs. O. O. Goben and R. W. Freeman arrived this week from Oklahoma City to establish an office in Liberal. Dr. Goben is a specialist in diseases of women and chronic cases, and Dr. Freeman confines his practice to eye, ear, nose and throat work. These gentlemen have been engaged in the profession together at Chickasha, Oklahoma, a number of years, but are well enough impressed with the looks of Liberal and the general prosperous appearance of things around here to locate and establish an office. They are both experienced practitioners in their lines and should find Liberal an excellent town in which to hang out their shingles.

LIBERAL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 4

All departments of the Liberal schools will open for work September 4. The teaching force in both grades and high school has been increased and every effort is being put forth in preparation for a successful school year.

As has been the custom heretofore, no beginning pupils will be admitted to the primary class after September 18. Pupils who have never attended school and not enrolled by September 18 must wait until the second term begins, January 29.

Further announcements will appear next week.

ALL BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE

The Chamber of Commerce reports that the banks and barber shops have been added to the list of business houses which will close from noon until 6 p. m. on September 14th and 15th. This completes the list of business houses.

Have You An Accurate Timepiece?



Can you look at your watch and know that it is correct? If you have a good watch that doesn't keep time, come in, we will guarantee to make it do so; or, if you are in need of a good one, our line of Hamilton, Howard, Elgin, and Waltham watches is complete in every respect. A call will convince.

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At Taylor's

A RECEIPT

For Each Bill Paid---

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LIBERAL, KANSAS

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